

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 22, 2010, has been reviewed and the comments of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Applicants have corrected the status identifier for claims 8 and 9. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

By this response, Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 15, 24 and 26 are amended; claim 11 is cancelled; and claims 41 and 42 are added. No new matter has been added by this Amendment. Support for the claim amendments can be found in at least the claims and the specification, including, for example, at page 12, ll. 6-8, and original Claim 1. As such, Claims 1-10 and 12-42 are pending in the application and submitted for reconsideration.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants submit concurrently a request for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and the accompanying fee. Please charge our Credit Card in the amount of \$130.00, covering the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). In the event that any extensions of time are necessary to prevent the abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required in conjunction with this submission to Deposit Account Number 50-2228, referencing matter number 022290.0158PTUS, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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